[*Translation*]

Tamil Refugees From Sri Lanka

2732. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Srilankan Taimil refugees living in India at present; and

(b) the amount being spent on them annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) According to the available information, the number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees living in India at present is, 2, 10, *958.*

(b) On an average an amount of about Rs.18 crores is being spen annually on the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees ledged in various camps.

[*English*]

Dispute between Madhya Pradesh and Orissa Regarding 40 Acre of land

2733. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40-acre land near Koma Khan on the Madhya Pradesh-Orissa border located between Shirgudi in Orissa and Vijaya Nagar in Madhya Pradesh is at present in the possesseion of the Madhya Pradesh Government and is a disputed territory between the two states;

(b) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to solve this problem; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India have suggested a joint verification by a team of Revenue Officers of both State Governments, of the disputed area associating also a representative of Sruvey of India.

BBC Satellite TV and Star TV of Hongkong.

2734. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will *the Minister of* INFORMATION AND *BROADCASTING be pleased to* state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the BBC Satellite TV and Star TV of Hongkong beaming its programmes to India: and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent or reduce the impact of this "Cultural Invasion"?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BRODCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir. the Government is aware of the rece-ption of foreign TV programmes through satellite In various parts of the country.

(b) Constant efforts continue to be made to bring about a qualitative improvement in the programme format of Doordarshan so as to sustain the Interest of its viewers.